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Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed March 7, 2000. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. patents that are listed in form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 4,986,983 to Terry Gerstein, which issued on January 22, 1991, titled "SUPERFATTED BETAINE AND ZWITTERIONIC HAIR AND SKIN CONDITIONER COMPOSITIONS".

U.S. Patent No. 4,987,150 to Masayasu Kurono, et al., which issued on January 21, 1991, titled "AGENT FOR INHIBITING BINDING

OF 5-DIHYDRO-TESTOSTERONE WITH ANDROGEN RECEPTOR AS WELL AS  
PROCESS FOR OBTAINING SAME".

U.S. Patent No. 5,032,408 to J.C.P. Schreuder, which issued  
on July 16, 1991, titled "COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT OF SKIN  
AFFECTIONS AND PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION".

U.S. Patent No. 5,162,377 to Hiroyuki Kakoki, et al., which  
issued on November 10, 1992, titled "TRANSPARENT COMPOSITION".

U.S. Patent No. 5,252,333 to David F. Horrobin, which issued  
on October 12, 1993, titled "LITHIUM SALT CONTAINING  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS".

U.S. Patent No. 5,312,834 to Young K. Yeo, which issued on  
May 17, 1994, titled "PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR TREATING  
ACNE".

U.S. Patent No. 5,422,115 to David F. Horrobin., which  
issued on June 6, 1995, titled "METHODS OF TREATMENT AND DEVICES  
EMPLOYING LITHIUM SALTS".

U.S. Patent No. 5,939,442 to Ronald M. Evans, et al., which  
issued on August 17, 1999, titled "MODULATIONS OF PEROXISOME  
PROLIFERATOR ACTIVATED RECEPTOR-GAMMA, AND METHODS FOR THE SAME  
THEREOF".

U.S. Patent No. 5,976,555 to Jue-Chen Liu, et al., which issued on November 2, 1999, titled "TOPICAL OIL-IN-WATER EMULSIONS CONTAINING RETINOIDS".

U.S. Patent No. 5,981,586 to Harrihar A. Pershadsingh, which issued on November 9, 1999, titled "METHODS FOR TREATING PROLIFERATIVE AND INFLAMMATORY SIN DISEASES".

U.S. Patent No. 5,994,554 to Steven Anthony Kliewer, et al., which issued on November 30, 1999, titled "ACTIVATORS OF THE NUCLEAR ORPHAN RECEPTOR PEROXISOME PROLIFERATOR-ACTIVATED RECEPTOR GAMMA".

U.S. Patent No. 5,997,852 to Akiko Yoneda, et al., which issued on December 7, 1999, titled "REMEDY FOR DERMATITIS".

U.S. Patent No. 6,004,751 to Robert L. Rosenfield, which issued on December 21, 1999, titled "IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIVATORS AND INHIBITORS OF SEBUM FORMATION".

"Orphan Nuclear Receptors: Shifting Endocrinology Into Reverse", by Steven A. Kliewer, Jürgen M. Lehmann, Timothy M. Willson, pp. 757 - 780.

"Estrogen-induced Production of a Peroxisome Proliferator-activated Receptor (PPAR) Ligand in a PPAR $\gamma$ -expressing Tissue" by

Hongwen Ma, Howard W. Sprecher and Pappachan E. Kolattukudy, pp. 30131 - 30138.

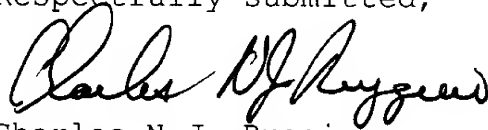
It is applicant's belief that none of the above U.S. patents and articles describe that, which is claimed, in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patents and articles and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully request favorable consideration and  
that this application be passed to allowance.

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